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SUBJECT:SOVIET UNIVERSITY LIBRARY DELEGATION

REF: A. MOSCOW 3797 B. MOSCOW 17504; C. MOSCOW 4397

1. WE CAN RECEIVE SOVIET LIBRARY DEL PROPOSED REFTEL A BUT RECOMMEND DEL ARRIVE EARLY RATHER THAN LATE MAY, SINCE MANY UNIVERSITIES CLOSED LAST HALF OF MAY. MOREOVER, PROGRAMMING AGENCY, WHICH HAS VERY FULL CALENDAR THIS TIME OF YEAR, INFORMS US MAY 2 WOULD BE IDEAL ARRIVAL DATE FROM PROGRAMMING STANDPOINT.

2. IN VIEW OF POSITIONS HELD BY PROPOSED MEMBERS SOVDEL, WE WOULD EXPECT SOVIETS TO BE INTERESTED IN BROADER QUESTIONS OF LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION, AS SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL B, AS WELL AS AUTOMATED LIBRARY SYSTEMS IN US. WE WOULD PROGRAM ACCORDINGLY.

3. AS EMBASSY AWARE, LIBRARY DEL NOT INCLUDED IN FY 76 BUDGET. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY AGREES, WE CAN TAKE SAME APPROACH RECOMMENDED FOR ACYPL DELEGATION AND USE FUNDS

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EARMARKED FOR CIES AND/OR SUNY-MGU EXCHANGE WHICH MAY NOT

BE NEEDED THIS FISCAL YEAR (6 PERSON DEL FOR 2 WEEKS WOULD COST ABOUT DOLS 8,000). WE WOULD PREFER TO LIMIT SOVDEL TO FIVE, IN ORDER KEEP DOWN COSTS AND BECAUSE DEL OF MORE

THAN FIVE COMPLICATES LOGISTICS. HOWEVER, WE DEFER TO EMBASSY AS TO WHETHER TO REQUEST SOVIETS REDUCE DELEGATION.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MHE THAT WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME WHETHER WE WILL WISH TO SEND RETURN US DELEGATION IN LIBRARIES, AND WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO DECIDE AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVDEL HER AND WITH US UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS. WE REQUEST HOWEVER MHE BE AWARE THAT WE MAY WISH TO PROPOSE RETURN DEL IN ANOTHER FIELD.

5. SUGGEST EMBASSY PROPOSE SOVDEL ARRIVE MAY 2 FOR PROGRAM OF AT LEAST 2 WEEKS. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. KISSINGER

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